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WHY ARE WE SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY ON OUR PETS? IT'S COMPLICATED.

By Justine Griffin | TAMPA BAY TIMES

These days, our fur babies have their own beaches and parks. They can come with us to dinner. We can pay a little extra for some of them to sit with us on an airplane.

We spend more on our pets today—more than \$60 billion in the U.S. this year—than ever before, from outfits to organic kibble.

“Over the last decade, we’ve truly humanized our pets,” said Bob Vetere, president and CEO of the American Pet Products Association. “We’re no longer satisfied to reward them in ‘pet terms’ with something like a tennis ball. Instead we reward them in human terms, with expensive diamond-studded leashes or something, in a way that we think is rewarding.”

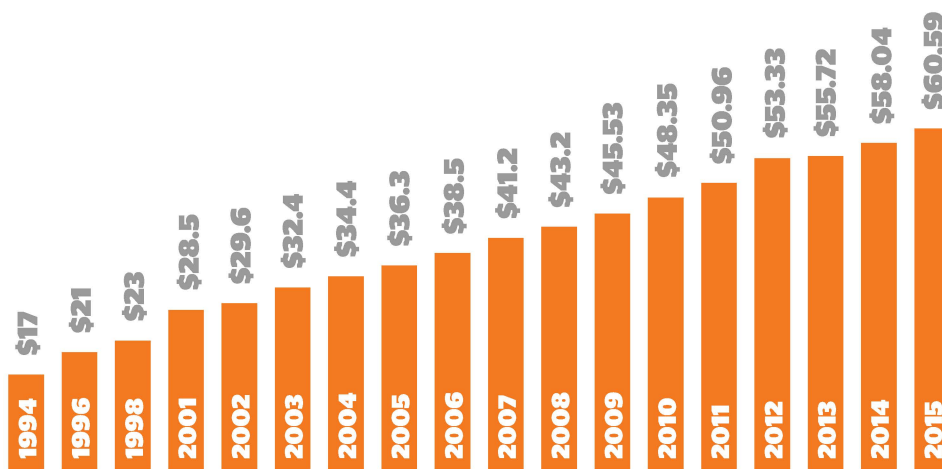
It makes us feel better even though they’d probably rather have the tennis ball.

But this “man’s best friend” relationship is more complex than that.

More young people are delaying starting their own families and are opting to have pets instead. And with newfound spending money, thanks to a slowly but surely improving economy, our pets are off the store-brand chow and now eat gluten-free organic food from an eco-friendly specialty pet food company.

If it’s good enough for us, it’s good enough

SPENDING ON PETS, ANNUALLY, IN BILLIONS IN THE U.S.



for our pets.

We love our pets so much that niche companies have grown out of our willingness to spoil them. Take FairyTail Planning, a Tampa, Fla.-based company that launched last year and specializes in planning your dog’s role in your wedding.

“We have one client who bought her dog’s outfit for their wedding before she even started looking for her dress,” said Ilana Mobley,

co-founder of FairyTail Planning with Kelly Maronpot.

As experienced pet sitters, Mobley and Maronpot will help plan your dog’s role as a ring bearer, plan pet-friendly wedding photos and be there to watch your fur child during the reception and while you’re on your honeymoon.

“So many companies are picking up on how obsessed we are with our pets. I saw a dog in a shopping cart at Michael’s last week,” Maron-

pot said. “Restaurants have menus specific for dogs. There are happy hour events centered around your dog.”

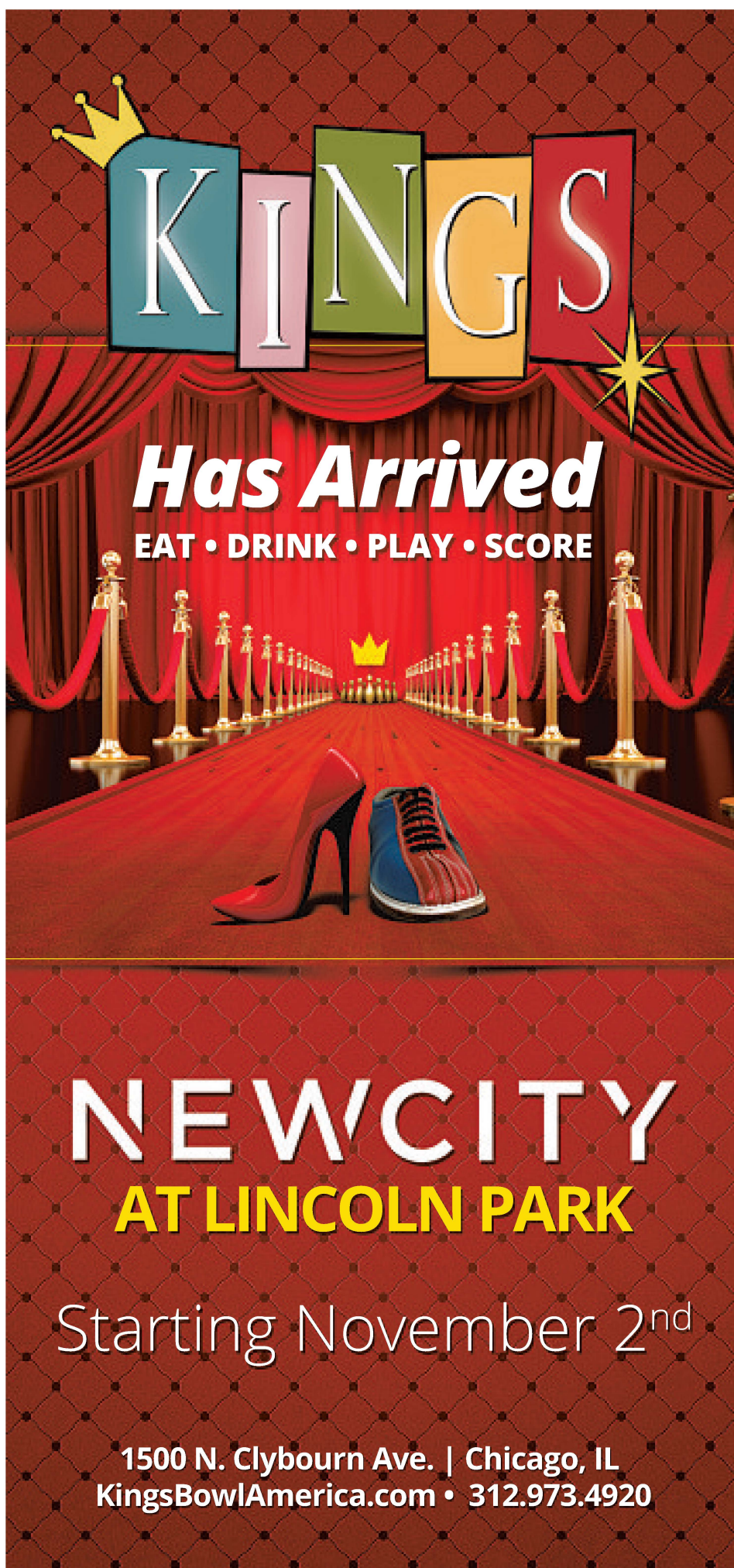
Sure, we use our pets as a socialization tool sometimes. They appear in Tinder dating app photos and lead to conversations at bars, concerts or the farmer’s market. The dog park has become a popular spot for a first date.

But in other ways, our pets become an excuse to isolate ourselves.

“But you still have to get up to take him outside, almost forcing interactions with other people that would not have otherwise taken place,” Vetere said. “We’re starting to see that more and more.”

At the end of the day, our pets do more for us than we do for them, said Kristen Levine, a Tampa-based self-proclaimed “pet expert.” The former spokeswoman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Tampa owns and operates a public relations firm for pet-related companies.

“What it comes down to is human nature,” Levine said. “We crave that interaction we get from them, but we can’t get through text messages or email, like how we communicate with our loved ones now. It makes pets more accessible and more meaningful, in that way.”



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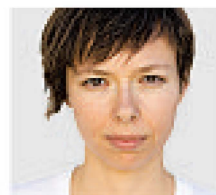
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I had sex with a friend—is our relationship ruined?



Anna Pulley

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Dear Anna,
I slept with a good friend a few weeks ago and now it seems like he's ignoring me. Texts go unanswered, plans canceled and, overall, he just seems emotionally distant. Like, what the hell? I'm not trying to boyfriend him. I just want my friend back.
—Benefitless in Boystown

Dear BIB,

It's tempting to react to a friend/gray-area-sex buddy's emotional distance by trying to close that distance yourself. But this rarely works. The more you push, the more he's going to pull away, which is not what you want and not what will get him to come around and watch platonic "Game of Thrones" marathons with you again. So take a deep breath and step back. Sometimes the best thing we can do is nothing. Trust that he'll come when he's ready.

Perhaps your vagina gave him some feels. Perhaps he's dealing with other emotional operatics and simply hasn't had time to give yours attention. Perhaps he feels the sex meant something different to you than it did to him.

We can't know until he offers you that information. In the meantime, find solace in other friends and activities, and try like hell not to fixate and wonder and beat yourself up. You are only responsible for yourself, after all. He's not being the greatest friend to you right now; it's true, but you cannot control that.

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Sex is a messy and ragged endeavor. Whereas friendship is fairly straightforward, sex, whether we mean it to or not, comes with its own set of baggage.

Whereas friendship is fairly straightforward, sex, whether we mean it to or not, comes with its own set of baggage. In fact, a study published by Kendra Knight, a communication professor at DePaul University, found that friends-with-benefits relationships offer their own cruel set of paradoxes. Perhaps the most depressing finding was the tendency of one partner to shut down when the other wants to talk. Communication, which is insanely important (in every relationship, but especially those involving sex), was thought to be too serious and complicated for FWB situations, which are supposed to be casual and nonstop fun like beer commercials.

In a more heartening study, researchers surveyed almost 1,000 college students about their FWB experiences. Among the 300 who had a FWB relationship that had already ended, 80 percent said they were still friends, according to *Psychology Today*. So the odds are in your favor.

You are completely in the right to want to talk to your friend about what happened because adult conversations, regardless of how awkward or fraught they may be, are the key to making sex between friends work, even if it's not going to be a repeat endeavor. After you've given him a little time and space, initiate a conversation in which you reinstate your boundaries and intentions, and let him know it's not cool to disappear on you immediately after you've heard the wounded animal cries that constitute each other's orgasms.

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3 PERSPECTIVES ON ONE RELATIONSHIP QUESTION

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I’m a 34-year-old single mother of, dare I say, THREE. I do not have a life outside of work and mommy duty. Sometimes I want to date and other times I’m so happy I don’t have to find a babysitter or get dolled up. But I’m wondering, how or when will I meet my match? Who wants a single mother with children? What man wants to be “cookie cut” into my life when he can create a life with someone else “string free”? I’m not looking for hookups. I’m looking for something long term. Let’s be honest, I’m not even looking! Where would I? Grocery stores (frozen section)? Parks (long brown trench coat)? How do mothers date, and where? Or do we? Do I stay checked into mom jeans for life? Help me before I become “the cat lady” and die. —Question from RedEye reader “Mama Bear”



Fred
Single, 34

» Host of “Fred and Angi
in the Morning” on
103.5 KISS-FM
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there is someone looming who is just like you: already has kindred and a quality of life, but one that you could complement (and he yours)?

And don’t worry about your “strings.” I was once a “string,” and my mother found an unattached man who complemented her well and who not only changed my life for the better, but hopefully I did the same for him.



Keri Wiginton
Married, 33

» Photo editor and part-
time advice giver at the
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» @keripho

husband on a scuba diving trip with another man.

What’s my point? You can meet people anywhere! If you’re honest about your kids and what you’re looking for in your profile (or in real life), then the men who aren’t interested in a single mom will be cleared out of the way from the beginning. My stepdad did not have any children from his previous marriage, and he claims he’s always been grateful he married into a fully formed family.



Isaac Paul

In a relationship, 36
» Host, devil’s advocate
and resident know-it-all
of “The Tequila Tales”
» @thetequilatales

So first and foremost, we must ABSOLUTELY ditch the mom jeans. I totally understand they are comfy, but if they are worn for anything other than cleaning the house, we must terminate these things immediately.

But beyond the jeans, the answer to your question is actually much simpler than you may suspect. The first thing you must accept is that you are not a leper. It’s quite common to have children if you’re above the age of 30, so having a social life is not only accepted, it’s encouraged. However, the trick to finding someone WHEN you are ready is merely aligning yourself with like-minded individuals.

Despite what anyone tells you, there is no magical oasis where perfect spouses congregate. Love and companionship occur when two people forge connections through mutual interest. So ground zero would be paying attention to the subtle clues (and people) that are present while doing those things you love most.



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Uniqlo, the Japanese casual fashion retailer with an avid customer following, will open its first Midwest store Friday on Chicago's Magnificent Mile (830 N. Michigan Ave.). On Saturday, Nike will open a Jordan Brand store on State Street in the Loop (32 S. State St.).



THE QUOTE

"I cannot and will not give up my family time. I may not be able to be on the road as much as previous speakers, but I pledged to make up for it with more time communicating our message."

—Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), a candidate for Speaker of the House, after a private meeting with House Republicans earlier this week, according to the Associated Press. Ryan made clear he will step up only under several conditions, including reducing travel time and fundraising so he can spend weekends at home in Janesville, Wis., with his wife and three school-age kids. His comments made him the rare Republican, and man, to spotlight the difficulties of balancing work life and family. He officially announced his candidacy Thursday.

United for veterans

Britain's Prince Harry is joining forces with Michelle Obama and Jill Biden. The White House says the trio will visit Fort Belvoir in Virginia on Wednesday to meet wounded military members in recovery and rehabilitation programs. In addition, they'll watch a sports event similar to those featured in the prince's Invictus Games, a sporting event for wounded service personnel. The 2016 Invictus Games are slated to be held in Orlando, Fla. AP

THE DIGIT

\$100M J.B. Pritzker and wife M.K. Pritzker have donated \$100 million to Northwestern University's School of Law, officials announced Thursday morning. According to the school, the donation is the largest single donation to a law school in the country. It will be used, in part, to pay for scholarships and grants. The money also will support the college's social justice, entrepreneurship, and civil and human rights initiatives. As a result of the donation to the Evanston university, the 156-year-old law school will be renamed Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. TRIBUNE

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Bears quarterback Jay Cutler hands off the ball to running back Matt Forte during a game against Oakland on Oct. 4.

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SEE, HE'S DIFFERENT!

THIS VERSION OF JAY CUTLER SEEMS MORE COMFORTABLE

By Dan Wiederer | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Six games into his tenure as Bears coach, John Fox's team is an unimpressive 2-4. However, as far as the offense is concerned, there are bright spots to go with the rough patches.

Key storyline

Two months into the season, Jay Cutler has been Jay Cutler. Flashes of brilliance. Moments of frustration. Everything else in between.

The Bears quarterback has committed costly turnovers. He has suffered a significant injury (a hamstring this time) that sidelined him for a game and a half. He fought back from his injury sooner than expected. He

has made magnificent throws. (See: a 22-yard touchdown pass to Marquess Wilson in Kansas City.) And he has led encouraging rallies.

Let's be honest, though. We've seen all those things before. So what's different about Cutler version 7.0 in Chicago? The Bears have found ways to use his gifts wisely, capitalizing on his rocket arm and underappreciated mobility. And after being sacked 38 times in 2014 and committing a league-high 24 turnovers, Cutler is on pace to be sacked 26 times with 15 turnovers this year. That's progress.

The good news

Fox has made good on his promise to build a run-centric attack. Through six weeks, Matt Forte leads the league in carries (126) and is also the NFL's leading rusher with 507 yards. Behind a patched-together offensive line, Forte's per-carry average (4.0) remains pedes-

trian, but that hasn't lessened the Bears' focus on establishing the run.

After running the ball on only 35 percent of their plays last year, the Bears now have a more balanced 44-56 run-pass ratio.

The bad news

The offensive line remains a work in progress, still working to establish chemistry amid change. Kyle Long is growing increasingly comfortable with his move to right tackle. But that transition is not without growing pains as evidenced in Detroit when Long turned in an uneven performance, flagged twice for holding while also responsible for two tackles for a loss.

The offensive line should get better. But they'll need to become more physical after an October in which the Bears averaged just 3.2 yards per rush.

RATLIFF CUT AFTER ARGUMENT WITH PACE

By Rich Campbell | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears cut veteran defensive lineman Jeremiah Ratliff on Thursday, a day after he and general manager Ryan Pace had a charged conversation at team headquarters.

The subject of their interaction was not initially known, but releasing Ratliff comes as a surprise in a strictly football context. He was regarded by coaches as one of their best linemen, if not the best.

"We felt moving forward without Jeremiah was in the best interest of our team," Pace said in a statement. "We appreciate his contributions and wish him well."

Ratliff's apparent row with Pace on Wednesday morning was not his first run-in with team officials.

On Dec. 26, Ratliff caused a disturbance at what turned out to be coach Marc Trestman's final practice, and he was escorted out of the facility by team personnel. Still, he was allowed to start the season finale that Sunday.



Bears wide receiver Kevin White signs autographs after practice on the Bears Family Fest day in August at Soldier Field.

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LET THE KEVIN WHITE WATCH COMMENCE



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Just when we think the Bears have turned the corner, they crush our optimism by suffering a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the lowly Detroit Lions.

After two weeks of seeing Jay Cutler lead his team to come-from-behind victories, it almost looked as if it would

happen again. But if lightning can strike twice, it certainly will not a third time.

It probably would have if coach John Fox had not gotten in the way. Everything from the mismanagement of the game clock at the end of regulation to the conservative play calls in overtime is on him. It was almost like he and Detroit coach Jim Caldwell were having a “who’s the dumbest coach” contest. But that’s just some of it.

There were several things that prevented the Bears from winning in Detroit. The defense gave up too many big plays, and the offense failed to capitalize on opportunities, settling for field goals instead of touchdowns.

Oh, and don’t get me started on the officiating. The referees were horrible. I think most of us at home could have done a better job. Those obstacles proved too much to overcome, and the Bears stumble into the bye week with a 2-4 record, a bunch of injuries and not much to look forward to.

But with 10 games left on the schedule, Bears fans can officially start the Kevin White Watch. The rookie wide receiver was the Bears’ first pick in April and has yet to see any action due to surgery that took place over the summer. At 6-foot-3 and 217 pounds with world-class speed, fans are anxious to

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Dallas	at N.Y. Giants	3:25 p.m.	Fox
Philadelphia	at Carolina	7:30 p.m.	NBC
Monday			
Baltimore	at Arizona	7:30 p.m.	CBS

see him suit up.

Now that Alshon Jeffery has finally shown up, a full complement of weapons to aid Cutler and Matt Forte would help the team tremendously as it has struggled to score touchdowns in the red zone.

Defensively the Bears continue to improve but are inconsistent in stopping the pass.

The secondary keeps allowing the other team’s top receivers to hurt them for big plays. Playing man-to-man coverage is a major component of Fox’s defense, and if the Bears continue to struggle to prevent teams from gaining huge chunks of yardage all at once, the problems will continue. Let’s see if the coaching staff can make changes to improve the situation the rest of the season.

Hopefully when the Bears take on Minnesota in Week 8 they can bounce back.

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BYE, NOW

The Bears are off this week, but new panelist Margaux Henquinnet never takes a week off! Unless she's on vacation.



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1	What's the best part about the Bears' bye week?	A relatively calm sports weekend is probably just what Chicago needs at the moment.	I get to find a creative new excuse to drink too many beers on a Sunday.	We can focus purely on Cubs heartbreak right now.	It's one day without Chicago sports-related disappointment.	I finally get to spend time with the loved ones I've been neglecting: my fantasy football team.
2	The Blackhawks-Lightning Stanley Cup Final rematch Saturday will be ...	... electrifying, I'm sure.	... the reason Ryan Salzwedel is wearing nothing but red and black body paint all week.	... a good palate cleanser to forget baseball season.	... not as fun as winning the Cup.	... a great way to cheer up the Chicago sports universe. We need it.
3	How should the Bulls spend their final weekend before the season starts?	Naps and baked goods. A great way to spend any weekend.	Teaching Derrick Rose how to seem humble and generally interested in playing professional basketball?	Shopping for Halloween costumes.	They should send Derrick Rose to Wolverine's orthopedic specialist.	Wrapping Derrick Rose up in about 5,000 yards of bubble wrap.
4	How far will you go to watch Bills-Jaguars when it airs on Yahoo on Sunday morning?	I'll pass, thanks.	Stand by. I need a minute to Google what Yahoo is.	Say what, now?	I will be sleeping. After last week's Lions game, I need a break from everything NFL.	I'll make it as far as my couch to turn on the Manchester United/ City derby! "Football!"
5	What's the best way to handle fantasy football bye weeks?	Go outside while the weather's still decent! Play some real football, if that's your thing.	By replacing conversations about your fantasy roster with something people actually give a damn about.	The more I learn about fantasy football, the less I understand it. It seems like a lot of work, guys.	You'll have to let me know. I just panicked and picked up Blake Bortles on the waiver wire.	Wait, those guys are off, too? Well, "hello, family" I guess? Bed Bath & Beyond, anyone?



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Cubs relief pitcher Trevor Cahill (center) gets a visit from pitching coach Chris Bosle and teammates during Game 4 of the NLCS. MUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Likely no one, including the Mets themselves, would have honestly predicted this heart-shredding NLCS ending for the Cubs.

New York completed the sweep Wednesday with an 8-3 win at Wrigley Field, meaning “next year” won’t arrive until at least 2016.

Still, after seeing so much progress on the North Side, now is the perfect time to dispel any thoughts that the supernatural is keeping the Cubs from becoming champions. Instead, it makes sense to believe the team’s dynamic core of young players and ace manager require just a shrewd signing or two (starting pitchers, probably) to put them over the top.

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That said, this is Chicago, and logic doesn’t always carry the day. Which is every sports fan’s right, truth be told.

So now that the “predictions” of “Back to

the Future Part II” are a thing of the past—and seeing as the Cubs’ “fate” was co-written by a Cardinals fan—it might take a little more mojo to snap this World Series title drought.

Specifically:

Name power

Clearly just one player with an appropriate name, Addison Russell, wasn’t enough to put the Cubs over the top in 2015. Now that they have one of the best minor league systems in baseball, Theo Epstein and crew should scour draft prospects for talented players named Ferguson Sheffield or Ernie Caray. Bonus points if they find a Clark Waveland.

New rally movie

It’s probably too late for the Chicago-set “Divergent” franchise to conjure any Cubs mojo. A dystopian future sets the wrong

tone anyway. But as RedEye’s Matt Pais said, sports movies could stand to recapture some of their old magic. Something with the whimsy and heart of “Rookie of the Year.”

How’s this for a screenplay: Centenarian drinks Old Style on her birthday, discovers she has baseball powers that manifest only at Wrigley. Call it “100 going on 30.” OK, so no one would go see that. You see what I’m getting at, however.

Joe Maddon glasses

Come to think of it, how has there not already been a promotion at Wrigley built around this? (One Lakeview store capitalized last year.) Seeing through the super-cool manager’s eyes, somewhat literally, can only help matters. Perhaps everyone in the organization should be given that chance, not to mention fans.

Demolition tradition

Perhaps it wasn’t that the destruction of the Steve Bartman ball in 2004 went too far. Maybe it didn’t go far enough. A sweep at the hands of the Mets stings worse than drinking warm beer the rest of your life. How to make things right? Turn models of Citi Field and Shea Stadium into bonfires each October; the latter should include a miniature Ron Santo toupee for good measure.

Get over it

Finally, but perhaps most important, forgive Bartman already. Ban any fan who curses his name from Wrigley until they apologize profusely. And grant every goat within a 100-mile radius of Chicago an official reprieve while they’re at it.

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Dear Cubs: You won over this White Sox fan



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“Go, Cubs, Go!”

Who would have thought a girl born on the South Side and raised in the south suburbs would be chanting such a thing loud and proud? I’m sure no one, but that’s exactly what happened during the baseball postseason.

Like most LeBron James followers, I became what I despise: a bandwagon fan. At least it was for a team in my city. That’s better, right?

When the Cubs season began in April, it was a team with noticeably more swag. The young team made amazing moves in the offseason, in particular adding manager Joe Maddon. Although baseball isn’t necessarily my sport of choice and the Cubs aren’t my No. 1 team, I definitely took notice and was (low-key) excited to see what would happen.

As the season went on, I kept an eye on the team. After beating Pittsburgh in the wild card game, I thought we—yes, we—were rolling then. The city was electric, and rightfully so, after the Cubs downed St. Louis in the NLDS.

For a city that supports its teams in good times and bad (hi, Bears), we were ready to celebrate. My family gathered to watch the games together. My mother even learned the players’ names and jersey numbers. And although I’m sure many White Sox fans will



Cubs' Kyle Schwarber (right) celebrates with Dexter Fowler after hitting a two-run home run. AP

deny it, the city was rejoicing.

Then came the National League Championship Series. I, for one, could barely make it through Game 4. How could a ride-or-die South Side fan be so hurt by a Cubs loss? I guess it’s because I saw so much promise in the team, and I was excited to celebrate a win in the city I love so much. Chicago gets a bad reputation for the violence and other blights on the city; it was nice to be in the national spotlight for a great reason.

Although the season ended on a dismal note, let’s look on the bright side. There’s so much to look forward to next season. And although many South Siders will not admit it, the Cubs also united Chicago, as the majority of the city held on to a glimmer of hope for the young, vibrant team.

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Our favorite Cubs moments from 2015

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Cubs fans are renowned for their optimism. They were partially rewarded for their patience in 2015 as the team came up just eight wins short of its first World Series title since 1908. Some of what transpired will frustrate the hell out of Cubs Nation, sure. But it was a hell of a ride nonetheless. Here are a handful of our favorite moments from 2015.

Maddon scientist

Ever the master amateur psychologist, manager Joe Maddon wasted no time setting high standards, even for such a young team. "We're going to set our mark high, and I'm going to talk playoffs and World Series this year, and I'm going to believe it."

That's the guy you want leading your team. Hands down.

They didn't quite get there, of course, but he made believers out of many. After all, if you don't believe you'll win the whole thing, why should anyone else?

Father of the year (?)

Hats off to the dad who stole a foul ball from the Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez while holding his baby son. Very impressive. Now, to quote manager Lou Brown from "Major League," "Don't ever [bleep]ing do it again."

Tastes like ... baseball

What does beer taste like after you use it to catch a foul ball? You'd have to ask the woman who actually did it, though it's a good bet it tastes like sweet victory.

Jake Arrieta rises

Aces don't always strike out 20 hitters in one game before they can legally drink. (See: Kerry Wood.) Sometimes they need half a decade or so to become dominant. The 29-year-old Arrieta's at that level now (22-6, 1.77 ERA, 236 strikeouts), and the next stop could be the Cy Young Award.

Bryant punks Cubs fans

The day is coming soon when third baseman Kris Bryant won't be able to pose as a Lyft driver and pretend he's just another guy. So it's a good thing he pulled off this priceless prank while still a rookie. Oh, he had a hell of a year on the field, too.

Caray's comeback

It's OK to admit you teared up a little when you saw Harry Caray on the video board "leading" fans in the seventh-inning stretch this summer. It's almost like he's not really gone. Almost.

Cards trumped

Before 2015, the Cubs had never clinched a playoff series at Wrigley Field. Vanquishing the hated Cardinals with a barrage of home runs (including the mammoth Kyle Schwarber shot the Cubs left atop the scoreboard) will echo long after the rest of this season has faded.

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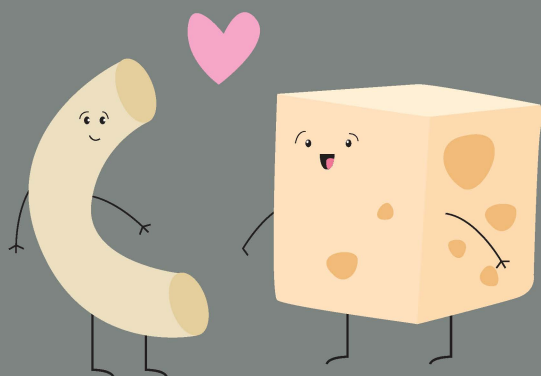
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By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

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If you're on the fence about going, don't want to fork over \$60 for a ticket or know you're going to miss it, here's a taste of some of the gooey goodness that will be served to hungry festgoers. That seems cruel, right? We're also telling you where you can find 10 of the dishes this weekend—and throughout the city's long freeze—no tickets required.

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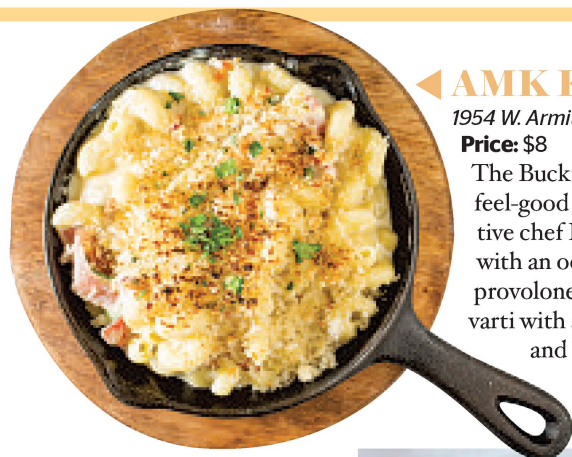
For a fancier spin on the dish, try the truffle mac 'n' cheese appetizer, seasoned with shaved black truffles, applewood-smoked bacon and parmesan bread crumbs. The decadent mac is served in a warm skillet for the full effect.

Mrs. Murphy & Sons Irish Bistro

3905 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-3905

Price: \$10

The Guinness mac 'n' cheese is one of the most iconic dishes on the North Center bar's menu, made with elbow macaroni and a creamy blend of Kerrygold Irish cheese and Wisconsin cheeses along with red peppers and scallions. Fresh parmesan and breadcrumbs top off the dish and give it a perfect crunch.



◀ AMK Kitchen Bar

1954 W. Armitage Ave. 773-276-4400

Price: \$8

The Bucktown bar specializes in feel-good comfort food like executive chef Barney Smith's side, made with an ooey-goey mix of asiago, provolone, gouda, fontina and havarti with a blend of jalapenos, bacon and breadcrumbs forming a drool-worthy crust.



◀ Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

923 W. Weed St. 312-462-1053

Price: \$3.50

You can get your mac 'n' cheese with a kick in Lincoln Park, where the side is made with Tabasco sauce, lemon pepper, French's mustard, green peppers, onions and garlic mixed with a blend of sharp cheddar, colby American and pecorino romano cheese to form a rich sauce covering elbow noodles.

Public House ▶

400 N. State St. 312-265-1240

Price: \$13

The River North bar is entering its mac 'n' cheese made with short rib chili and bacon in the fest, and you can replicate the experience in house with its multiple-choice mac 'n' cheese or opt for the base dish (\$9) with a wide variety of other fixings including chicken sausage (\$2), roasted jalapenos (\$1) and truffle oil (\$5).

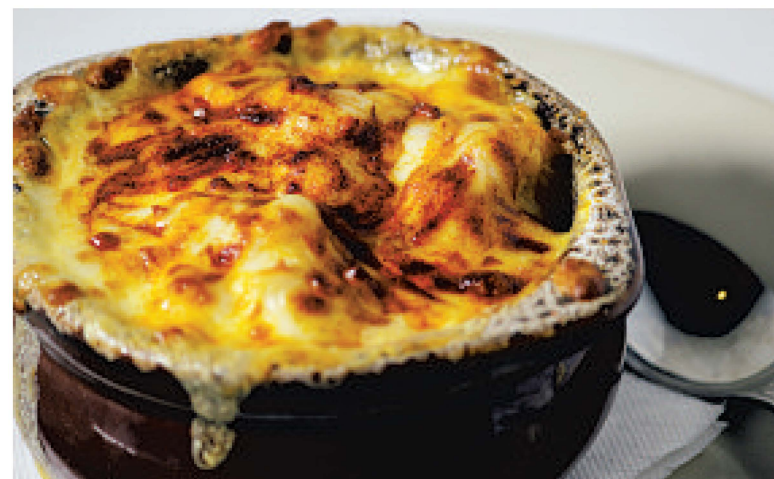
Tapworks Tavern & Grill

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Price: \$15.95

The Greektown pub serves a Tex-Mex version of the dish with elbow macaroni covered in chunky corn mornay, crema, colby-jack cheese, queso Oaxaca and Tajin-spiced Fritos. If you want to taste the goodness yourself, you'll have to dash over to Tapworks, as the dish is only available through Sunday.



◀ Reggie's Rock Club

2105 S. State St.

312-949-0120

Price: \$6

Live music isn't the only thing this South Loop joint is doing right. Dig into a ceramic crock filled with elbow macaroni noodles baked in a creamy sauce made from mozzarella, monterey jack and cheddar.



◀ Luella's Southern Kitchen

4609 N. Lincoln Ave.

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Price: \$11

Owner and chef Darnell Reed makes the southern classic with mornay sauce, tender braised short rib and a sprinkle of buttered bread crumbs at his Lincoln Square BYOB restaurant.

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20-ounce bone-in rib steak
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DOES STK'S STEAK STACK UP?

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By Michael Nagrant | REDEYE

STK, as their website preaches, is not your daddy's steakhouse. But based on its name and extension of a vowel-challenged spelling paradigm to the menu (Lil' BRGS, anyone? That's little burgers, in case you didn't get it), it's clearly not a steakhouse for grammarians, either. Relative to Chicago's rich bounty of steakhouses, STK's selling points are a multitude of tables grouped really close together and optimized for mingling and regular late-night DJ appearances. All I could really tell before setting foot in the door was that STK was the 10th location of the New York-based chain from The One Group, a purveyor of something called "lifestyle hospitality." Confused, I set out to discover what it was and, of course, answer the eternal food critic question: Did it SCK or was it AWSM?

ISTK and the shoddily dressed

STK's website says the venue doesn't allow tank tops, swimwear or ball caps. Women are encouraged to throw on their LBDs (little black dresses) and gents to grab their blazers

and dress shoes. These rules are loosely enforced. A woman at the bar was wearing black hot pants and a plunging ribbed tank while her male friend rocked a side-cocked flat bill cap and canvas surf shoes. Maybe STK was the steakhouse for displaced beach

bums? It was still too early to tell.

The crowd was eclectic, a healthy mix of the clubbing set, over-tanned Viagra triangle denizens exploring beyond their natural Gold Coast habitat and tailored-shirt-wearing, might've-played-quarterback-in-college hunks.

Rivaling patrons for above-average handsomeness was the room, featuring a swirl of white bone finish fins, lots of glinting glass and shimmering honey-colored wood tables. It felt like an interior crafted by the Apple Inc. design team.

A garden of delights, a rancher's finest and seafood drowned in luxury and mediocrity

Some of the food, too, is well-designed. According to corporate executive chef Aaron Taylor, 70 percent of the Chicago menu is identical to what's served at all of STK's locations. One departure exclusive

to Chicago featured mandolin-shaved Brussels sprouts tossed with apple, cranberry and cayenne- and lemon-spiked marcona almonds (\$15). The shaved sprouts reminded me of the bitter, crisp frisee you'd find in a classic Lyonnaise salad. The thin wafers of apple were bright and sweet.

A 20-ounce bone-in rib steak (\$51) was ruby-pink inside and caramelized outside to a spent coffee ground color thanks to the 800-degree heat of the kitchen's charbroiler. The result was finer than the burnt and much more expensive ribeye I had recently at Prime & Provisions. However, it was nowhere near as funky and satisfying as the 55-day dry-aged 22-ounce ribeye—one of the best steaks I've ever had—that I ate at Boeufhaus last week. The bearnaise served alongside the STK steak was so thick that I flipped over the cup, as if to pour it, and



Ginger mojito

nothing fell out. In addition to the bearnaise, which was served gratis, STK offers seven other housemade dipping sauces at \$2 each. Considering you're paying \$51 for the steak, it seems parsimonious to charge for an extra sauce, but I gave in anyway and sampled the house "STK" sauce, a cloying rusty orange dip that reminded me of Heinz 57 crossed with Open Pit barbecue sauce.

An appetizer of seared foie gras (\$21), lacquered in spiced rum and coated with a shower of gingersnap crumbs, was served with a viscously sweet orange marmalade that evoked the smell of burning leaves and hot pie, the same kind of autumnal nostalgic smack in the brain you get from a good pumpkin spice latte. The dish would have been perfect if the accompanying huckleberry pancakes weren't undercooked and raw.

Another Chicago-only dish, Lobster Rockefeller (market price—\$95 when I went), featured the meat of a 2.5-pound lobster poached in court bouillon (water, vegetables, herbs, wine and lemon) mingled with the shoulder meat of king crab. After they've cooked, the lobster and crab meat are sliced into medallions, stuffed back in the tail shell, crowned with a stack of wilted spinach and julienned leeks and glopped with a nutmeg-infused cream sauce. The unappetizing lobster shell was mottled with cooking liquid, and the whole-leaf spinach was chewy and would have been better if it had been chopped.

The parmesan truffle fries (\$9) were cut thick and, though made of potato, reminded me of the yucca fries served at Brazilian steakhouses. The saltiness of the parmesan helped a little, but they needed a bit more finishing salt. I would have preferred a thinner Belgian frite-like cut than the squarish steak fries here.

A bruleed sweet corn pudding (\$9), however, dribbled down my chin. It reminded me of eating fresh sugary farm corn straight off the stalk (something you must do before you die if you haven't already).



Sweet corn pudding



Shaved Brussels sprout salad

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***** TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT ***** OFF TO A GOOD START ***** HEATING UP ***** ALREADY HOT

Decadently priced red and disappointing dessert

Daddy's steakhouse would have you swimming in trophy red wine from Bordeaux and flagons of fabulous brown liquor. STK's red wine list by the glass is fairly unremarkable and includes a cabernet sauvignon (\$14) from Kevin O'Leary, aka Mr. Wonderful of ABC's "Shark Tank" fame. I'm not sure if it's good, as our server told us we should stay away because it's made from mediocre California grapes and was the worst of the three cabernets offered by the glass. Your best bet is The Prisoner, a jammy red blend. Though at \$28 a glass, it's ridiculously marked up. While I generally don't pair my steak with mojitos, our forthright server gushed about the ginger mojito (\$14), saying, "It's awesome. You can't even taste the cognac!" Of course, you shouldn't be able to taste the cognac because mojitos are made with rum. But we live in a time where as long as mint has been muddled in the glass, a mojito is made. I bit. Spiked with tart lime juice, cooling mint,

bubbly ginger ale and velvety Hennessy, the cocktail drank like a menage a trois between a moscow mule, a mojito and a dark and stormy. It was actually pretty good.

A churro milkshake (\$10), featuring dulce de leche ice cream blended with a shot of Fireball whiskey, wasn't bad, though I really wanted to taste the liquor and all I got were caramel notes from the ice cream. A silver shaker cup was filled with churro bites, but they were doughy and undercooked.

Bottom line: STK does not SCK, nor is it AWSM. It's just K. The modern interior is a welcome departure from the old knotty wainscoting and red leather banquettes you'd find at your daddy's steakhouse. If you're looking for an inspired scene that serves the best beef in town, you're better off spending your money at Boeufhaus.

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A scratch-and-sniff guide to whiskey

By **S. Irene Virbila** | LOS ANGELES TIMES

Richard Betts is well-connected in the world of wine and whiskey. He's a master sommelier, albeit an unconventional one, and even has his own line of mezcal. He lives in Colorado, travels all over the world, and a couple of years ago while on a ski trip fueled with great wine and whiskey came up with the idea of a scratch-and-sniff book. For grown-ups. About wine.

That book is called "The Essential Scratch & Sniff Guide to Becoming a Wine Expert." And it was kind of a big hit, so much so that he and his collaborators, Crystal English Sacca and Wendy MacNaughton, got together again to produce a new book: "The Essential Scratch & Sniff Guide to Becoming a Whiskey Know-It-All" (\$22 on Amazon.com).

And it really does have almost invisible patches embedded in the text to scratch and sniff your way to determining, for example, if you prefer your whiskey sweet, mild, spicy or smoky.

Sniff in patches imbued with the scents of corn, rye and barley. And yes, the corn really does smell like corn.



When Betts gets into barrels, you're sniffing vanilla or cinnamon or toast. He does a quick tour of countries that make whiskey and what barrels they use, then moves on to the important lesson of deciphering the label.

And at the very end, tucked in an envelope at the back, is "The Map To Your Whiskey Desires." Find out how you like your whiskey by finding the characteristics you've discovered that you prefer in the previous pages.

Betts has whiskeys for mixing, sipping or sipping and savoring in the outer ring of the chart. Some are super pricey.

"If you select one that stretches your wallet,"

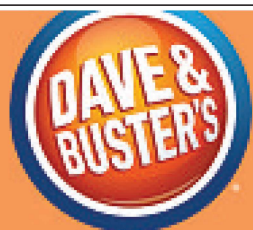
Betts writes, "try a couple to the left or right to find one that fits your budget." Well, you'll have to look the prices up. It would have been super cool if he'd color-coded the whiskeys or indicated in some way which ones are bargains, moderately priced, expensive or worth a very big splurge. But then again, you'll learn more if you look it up yourself.

If you're looking for tasting notes about specific whiskeys, this is not the book. Instead, think of it as a primer for understanding what whiskey is all about.

Actor Edward Norton liked the book enough to give him a splendid blurb: "This is really the ultimate 'back' on whiskey. I learned why I should try Monkey Shoulder Blended Malt faster than Google Maps could teach me where the Glorioso Islands are."

And Sir Richard Branson of the Virgin Group chimes in with, "My wife is Scottish, so I needed to learn about whiskey—and this was the way!" Maybe Branson is planning on taking some whiskey into space.

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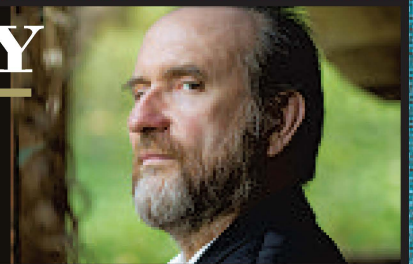
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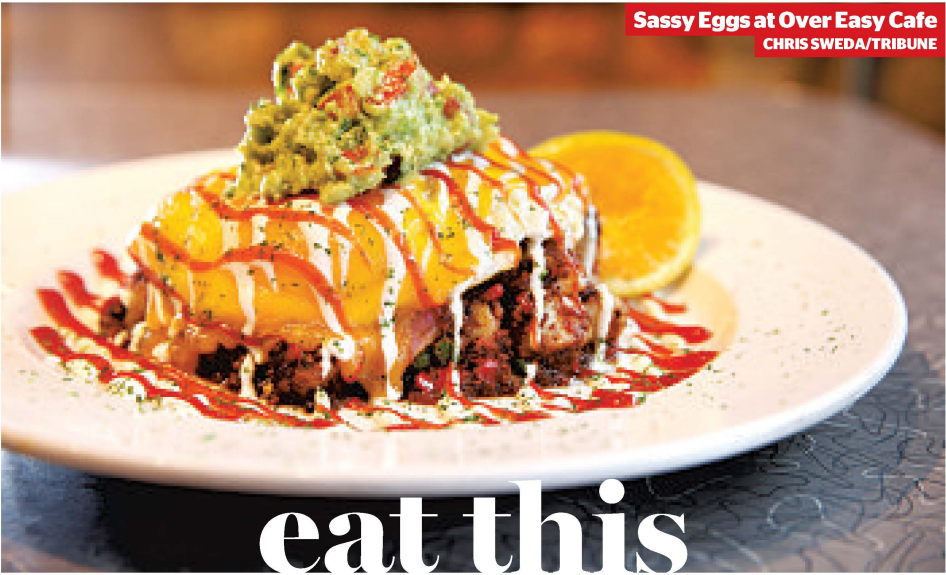
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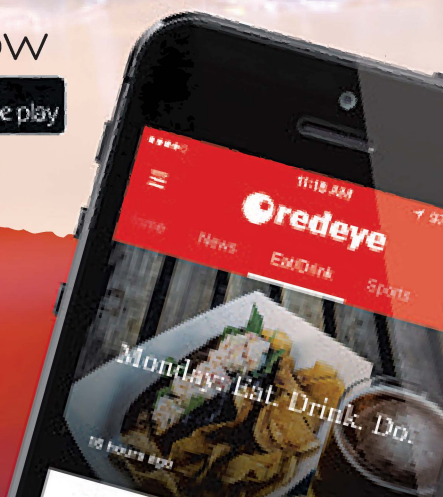
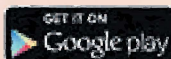
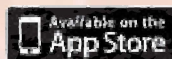
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Bill Murray (center) in 'Rock the Kasbah'

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'Rock the Kasbah' quickly goes from fun to offensive



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There are so many major problems with "Rock the Kasbah." Wow. In no particular order:

» As a glamorous prostitute named Merci operating out of a trailer in the middle of nowhere in Kabul, Afghanistan, Kate Hudson gives her character not a flicker of pain or un-

happiness that, you know, might come from being a prostitute operating out of a trailer in the middle of Kabul, Afghanistan.

» The film is inspired by the true story of a young woman who dared to break barriers and go on "Afghan Star," but it focuses almost all of its energy on veteran tour manager Richie Lanz (Bill Murray), who knows nothing about the country when he puzzlingly brings a client (Zooey Deschanel, before her character disappears from the movie) there to perform for a USO show.

» Every five minutes, director Barry Levinson ("Wag the Dog," a lot of crap since "Wag the Dog") and writer Mitch Glazer ("The Recruit") swerve in a new direction, not even arriving at Richie's support of the ambitious Pashtun girl until the movie's 60 percent over.

» Even when facing men on horses with guns, Richie's still an obnoxious goofball, and he learns no lessons. Jeez, in a late-night

gathering in a village he howls Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water," prompting a leader to ask Richie's English-speaking cabdriver pal, "Is this traditional?" with the cabdriver responding, "Yes. Very." Just awful.

The thing is, before it recalls a worse version of the mediocre "Million Dollar Arm," "Rock the Kasbah" starts out OK as the story of a rock legend-adjacent has-been who retells the same questionable stories about Stevie Nicks headbutting him and how he was the reason Jimi Hendrix played "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Woodstock rather than working to create new, credible anecdotes. When Richie's schmoozing, Murray can't help but earn smiles as he's charming someone onto his side, signing a new client just to get her \$1,200 fee after he tells her, "You make me want to swallow poison." And the scene when the host of "Afghan Star" scolds Richie for lecturing him provides an ounce of what "Rock the Kasbah" needs in pounds.

But like so many movies before ("The Blind Side," to name just one) that focus on the white savior instead of the minority character who should be featured, "Rock the Kasbah" doesn't care much about Salima (Leem Lubany), whose voice is good, but let's not get carried away. This is a movie about an arrogant dope who's seriously lost in translation but is sure he knows best even when out of his element and, sheesh, negotiating between warlords! Would love to see what Eli Roth (director of "Hostel," "Knock Knock") could have done to put him in his place.

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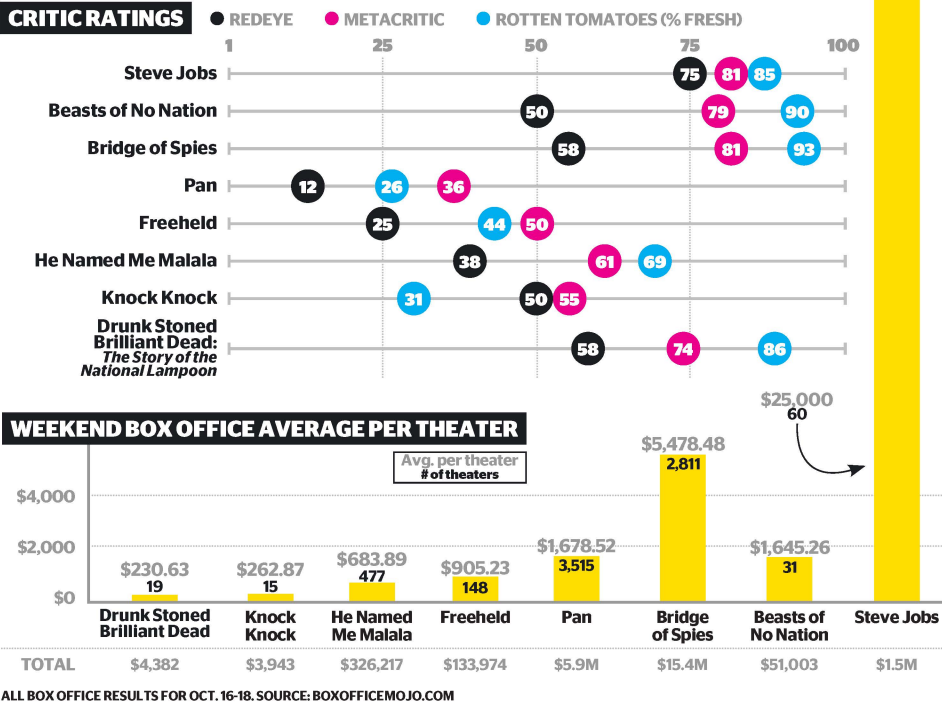
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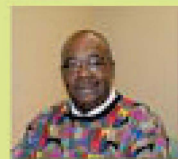
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music

Al Scorch

6 roots, alt-country and folk acts to hear

By Josh Terry | REDEYE

There's no good, all-encompassing word to describe music with a little twang, acoustic guitars and rustic, down-to-earth charm. Country only gets at it a little bit, but even then the term evokes overproduced pop music dominating CMT charts. Alt-country seems a little broad too—everything but the Jason Aldeans and Toby Keiths of the world? Americana sort of works, but then you have to think about artists from outside the States. And don't even get me started on "folk," which is such a useless term that it simultaneously conjures images of twee dudes in suspenders and Pete Seeger.

So please forgive the purposefully vague genre terminology and listen to these six acts, starting with Ona, whose debut full-length "American Fiction" arrives Friday. They're all worth your time, and while it's tough to classify each one, they're all related by taking the best of roots, country, folk and Americana (sometimes Canadiana or even Britainiana) and making it their own. With any list, there's going to be some glaring omissions, so think of this not as any definitive kind of statement but rather as a jumping-off point to an exciting and always thriving scene.

Ona

Hailing from Huntington, W.Va., Ona sounds like the most exciting records from early Wilco and My Morning Jacket but better than acts compared to those acts. Lead singer Bradley Jenkins is a formidable force, and the way every arrangement comes together courtesy of the band and producer Bud Carroll is a sound to really behold. Listen to "Sleep, Rinse, Repeat" and be floored.

The Weather Station

Hearing Tamara Lindeman's wispy yet sturdy voice and expertly fingerpicked guitar playing, you start to wonder if you're listening to a lost recording from the '60s and '70s. The Toronto native feels like a sort of spiritual successor to Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell or Nick Drake.

Andy Shauf

Clarinets are cool—just ask Saskatchewan native Andy Shauf, who just signed a record deal with ANTI- (home to Wilco and Glen Hansard) after reissuing his excellent, woodwind-heavy 2012 full-length "The Bearer of Bad News." It's the type of record you curl up with on a cold night—warm enough to keep you coming back but also minimal and bare enough to leave you haunted. "Drink My Rivers" is a prime example of this—it's basically a daydream in song form.

Al Scorch

Al Scorch shreds. His Facebook pegs his music as "Mid-American roots with a post-punk DIY attitude," and that's pretty much dead on. The Bloodshot Records signee and Chicago resident plays bracingly fast, deafeningly loud and seriously twangy. He'll have a new album out next year, but in the meantime prepare to have your face melted by his virtuosic banjo playing.

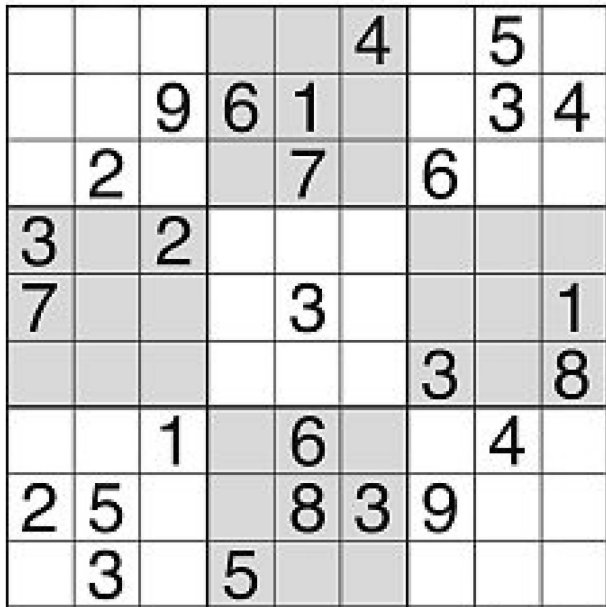
Sam Russo

U.K. singer-songwriter Sam Russo has a way of making pain beautiful. The acoustic guitar journeyman always has had a resilient streak, and when you hear the way his ragged voice details heartbreak and loss in breathtaking confidence and grace, it's a recipe for instant chills down your spine. His latest record, "Greyhound Dreams," while lighter and more hopeful, still contains a hefty dose of melancholy.

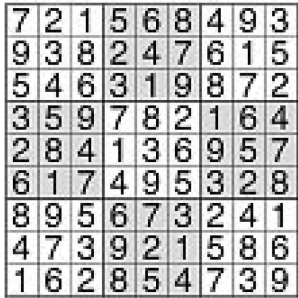
The Staves

The Staves' most recent record, "If I Was," was produced by Bon Iver's Justin Vernon, which is a pretty major co-sign for any act. Even though it makes acoustic guitar-led and harmony-filled stunners, this English trio bristles at being called a folk band. While, yes, the three are more on the Mumford and Sons side of the Mumford/Hank Williams spectrum, it's tough to call them anything else considering the way their voices intertwine on top of the homey arrangements.

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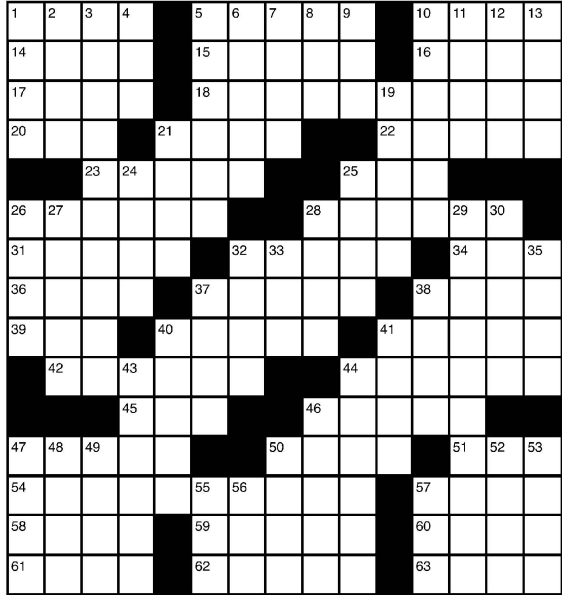


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ACROSS

- 1 Cry
5 Train station
10 Glasgow native
14 Yearn; long
15 Banish
16 Walking stick
17 Luau neckwear
18 Racers on the lake
20 Suffix for count or host
21 Competes
22 "To be _ to be..."
("Hamlet")
23 Necklace bead
25 Daniel _ Kim
26 Pleat
28 Poland's capital
31 Steed
32 Give in
34 Safety _; metal fastener
36 Fail to include
37 TV's Milton _
38 Mediocre
39 Bic product
40 Adjusted a piano
41 Nitrogen and hydrogen
42 Witch in "Hansel and Gretel," e.g.
44 British upper class
45 Make a choice
46 More unusual
47 Quarrel
50 Broad
51 Bizarre
54 Sickening
57 _ on; incite
58 Scramble piece
59 Stove
60 Bangkok native
61 Woos
62 Toothpaste brand
63 Website for complaints and praises



DOWN

- 1 Actor Christian
2 High cards
3 Speaking softly
4 "Miserables"
5 Want
6 Kick out of school
7 Bakery items
8 Spanish cheer
9 One of JFK's brothers
10 Makes points
11 James or Scott
12 "bigger and better things!"
13 Lab experiment
19 Plank
21 Bouquet holder
24 Vane direction
25 Valley
26 _ suey; Chinese dish
27 Juliet's love
28 Join metals by heating
29 Part of a contraction
30 Smarter
32 Cravings
33 Wrath
35 Too inquisitive
37 Bosom
38 Rational
40 Cone-shaped home
41 Actor Richard
43 Awakens
44 Gizmo
46 Finger adornments
47 One opposed
48 Metal bar
49 Seabird
50 Dinner beverage
52 Twofold
53 Faucet problem
55 St. Joan of _
56 Paver's need
57 Pig's home

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1869: John William Heisman, the coach who revolutionized the game of college football, was born in Cleveland.
1915: Twenty-five thousand women marched in New York to demand the right to vote.
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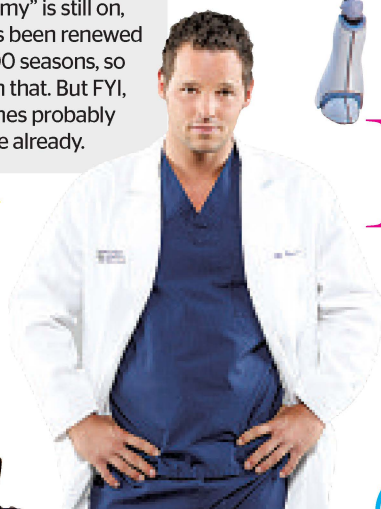
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Hero overload

By Sara Amato | REDEYE

Look, we know how much TV there is out there. And we know everyone is kind of sick and tired of the superhero market. We're aware Hollywood is oversaturated with superheroes. And with "Supergirl" on CBS premiering Monday, TV is about to get even more superhero-y. That's why we're here. We're going to help. Are you ready? SAAMATO@REDEYECHICAGO.COM | @SAAMATO

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OK... How much?

A little superhero

What do you like?

Animation

Dark and gritty

Dramedy

Dark Knight level dark and gritty?

No

Yes

Do you like a lot of villains or just one?

Just one is fine

A lot

More drama or comedy?

Just enough

Comedy

Drama

Female or male angst?

Female

Male

How many main characters?

One is perfect

More than one

AGENTS OF SHIELD

8 p.m. Tuesdays, ABC

If you liked Agent Phil Coulson in Marvel's "The Avengers," well then, this is for you. It's all about those agents who help the Avengers. Sometimes an Avenger pops up, too.



THE FLASH

7 p.m. Tuesdays, CW

Most people don't survive being struck by lightning, but Barry Allen did, and he's super fun about it. As fast as lightning, Allen is The Flash, and he fights big, meta-humans. It's funny, cute and action-packed. Enjoy.



DAREDEVIL

First season is streaming on Netflix

If you like the darkness of Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy, this is the series for you. It follows blind lawyer Matt Murdoch and his nighttime activities as the vigilante Daredevil. It's action-packed and fun.



ARROW

7 p.m. Wednesdays, CW
Oliver Queen is brooding and angry. He also wears a hood and slings arrows and calls himself the Arrow. Sometimes he's shirtless and works out on a salmon ladder. You'll love it.

GOTHAM

7 p.m. Mondays on Fox

This is a Batman origin story with shockingly no Batman. If that's your thing, then Gotham is your show. Heavy on the villains of Gotham City and light on the heroes, this show is more police procedural than superhero.

SUPERCARL

Premieres 7:30 p.m. Monday, CBS

Ever want to know what it's like for a young woman to have superpowers and be related to Superman? OK, great. This is one of the most talked about shows premiering this fall. Plus, Lexie Grey comes back and apparently does not die in a plane crash. God bless.

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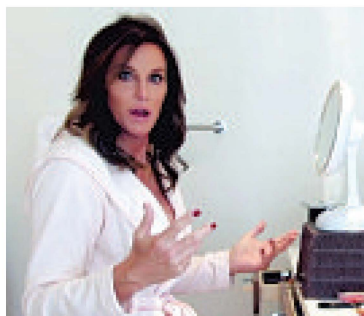
red hot

THIS SUPER BOWL IS GONNA HURT LIKE A MOTHER{BLEEP}ER

Apparently Maroon 5 is now the front-runner to headline Super Bowl 50, according to **vulture.com**. It had previously been reported that Bruno Mars was being tapped to perform. The reports about Adam Levine and Co. haven't been confirmed. Super Bowl 50 is on Feb. 7.



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Her journey continues

E! has renewed "I Am Cait," the documentary series following **Caitlyn Jenner's** life as a transgender woman, according to **eonline.com**. "I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation," Jenner said in a statement. We are looking forward to it, too.



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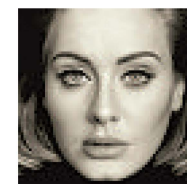


Dammit, Janet

Listen, guys, **Laverne Cox** is the new Dr. Frank-N-Furter, and that's amazing. Fox has cast the "Orange Is the New Black" actress in the reboot of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," according to **ew.com**. The role of the Transylvanian mad-scientist alien was previously played by Tim Curry in the 1975 film. The two-hour TV event will debut next fall.

HOT DATE Nov. 20

Be prepared, everyone, that's when Adele is back. The singer's third album, "**25**," will be out Nov. 20. Her first single, "Hello," will be available to buy on Friday, according to **rollingstone.com**.



On Wednesday via Twitter, Adele posted a letter to fans explaining the delay between records, saying, "My last record was a breakup record and if I had to label this one, I would call it a make-up record," she wrote. "... Making up for lost time. Making up for everything I ever did and never did. ... And I'm sorry it took so long, but you know, life happened." Well, we forgive you. Now give us that album.

THE DIGIT

\$1.65M

That's how much money the "Back to the Future" trilogy made at the domestic box office on Wednesday. All three movies were screened at 1,815 theaters, according to **thr.com**. The marathon commemorated the date, Oct. 21, 2015, that Marty McFly and Doc Brown traveled to in the future. The movie also predicted a few things that became realities, such as 3-D movies and tablet computers, but not the Cubs winning the World Series. That did not happen.

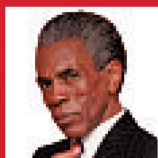
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